

SENATE BILL 2957
By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50,
Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(i)(3), is amended by adding the following after the last sentence: "The commissioner shall submit any proposed changes to the rules pertaining to medical cost containment and the medical fee schedule to the cost containment committee and advisory council for review and hold a public hearing and provide proper notice as part of the rulemaking process in accordance with title 4, chapter 5, part 2."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(i)(6), is amended by adding the following after the last sentence: "The annual review shall also include a report on the adequacy of the health care provider networks across the state providing care under the workers' compensation system. The commissioner shall file an annual report on the impact of the medical fee schedule and revisions based on the findings of the department, cost containment committee and advisory council with the special joint committee of the general assembly on workers' compensation."

SECTION 3 . This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.